GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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STRAY ANIMALS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the airports in the country are facing problems of stray animals coming on to the runways and turning them into a major safety hazard;

(b) if so, the action the Government has taken for the safety of the runways which are vulnerable;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has installed electrified perimeter fences around large and sensitive airports;

(d) if so, the details of those airports and how far these arrangements have proved successful in warding of the stray animals;

(e) whether the encroachment on the airport land at some places are responsible for these hazards; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to clear those encroachments?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, as a precautionary measure Airports Authority of India (AAI) has erected boundary wall around the operational areas at most of the airports. Security guards have also been posted at the access gates.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Sometimes, encroachment on or near the airport land at some airports is one of the factors which could be responsible for causing hazards.

(f) Airport Directors coordinate with local authorities to remove encroachments and also employ legal procedures under the AAI Act.